

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*.

The claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants note that the where Office Action refers to claim 1 (not pending), Applicants interpret this to be a reference to claim 5. Also, where the Office Action refers to claim 53, line 16, Applicants understand this to be a reference to claim 53, line 12.

Applicants have made additional minor amendments to the claims that are believed to not raise any new issues for examination. For example, the claim language has been clarified to improve antecedent basis.

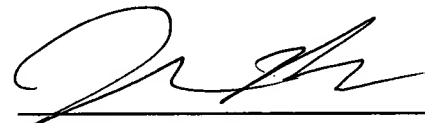
It is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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